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## DOMESTIC ABUSE



### Fighting against abuse

BY KARRA SMALL  
Missourian Reporter

For some people, life is not so perfect.

Denise, 63, never realized that she deserved better in her life. Dealing with a husband who was mentally and physically abusive was tough, heart wrenching, and silently shameful. It was also her life.

That changed the day her granddaughter, Eliza started dating. While at her grandmother's house, Eliza's new boyfriend Dan started calling every few hours to check in on her, demanding to know who she was with and what they were doing.

"Are you sure you're at your Grandma's house," he would ask.

"Why can't you see that he's controlling you," Denise questioned.

And then, Denise had an epiphany. Eliza was following in her footsteps.

Rachel, 31, never thought she would be a victim. Growing up in a middle class family wrought with values and confidence she looked at domestic violence as something that happened in a faraway place, in the bad part of town. She would never be the woman who let her boyfriend control her every move. She was wrong.

Rachel has been married for seven

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**1 in 4**  
The rate of women in Missouri that will experience domestic violence in her lifetime

**36,943**  
Number of domestic violence incidents in Missouri this past year

**751**  
Number of clients served by the Children and Family Center in Maryville

**51%**  
Increase from 2008 in the number of clients at the Children and Family Center

*To learn more about domestic violence awareness month, the Children and Family Center in Maryville, and how to volunteer visit our website.*

## Esteem flourishes through pageant

BY DAKOTA JONES  
Missourian Reporter

Beauty pageants can be brutal. Constant primping and dieting can ruin contestants' self esteem and break their spirit. The Black and Gold Pageant is designed to do the opposite.

Colleges across the nation host the Black and Gold pageant to reward one deserving winner per school with an academic scholarship.

Another scholarship is rewarded to the contestant that sells the most tickets to the pageant.

"It's a great experience, no matter what size, race, and age you are or walk of

life you come from," Kiva Coppage sophomore contestant said, "You build a sisterhood with the other girls. You build relationships with them."

Although this is a competition and only one contestant can

**“It's a great experience no matter what size, race and age you are.”**

Kiva Coppage

move on, all of the competitors stated that the friendships they have made will last a lifetime. They are more like family than ever before.

The competition consists of four parts. The business portion is a suit and heels introduction of the girls' majors and life philosophies. Swimwear shows the judges and audience how confident each

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## Brothers raise funds for special athletes

BY EMILY DEMAREA  
Chief Reporter

The six on six volleyball tournament, hosted by the men of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, was held last weekend at Beal Park. Attendees each paid a fee to participate, and all of the money was donated to the Support for Special Olympics Headquarters in St. Joseph.

"We had all kinds of teams sign up this year," Porter said. "Sorority teams, fraternity teams, community teams, and also just friends that got together to play."

Each of the 12 teams that participated in the tournament paid a \$50 fee, amounting to a total of \$600 for the Special Olympics. The philanthropy chair of Phi Sigma Kappa, Patrick Laky, organized the event and said it set a new bar for Spike tournaments to come.

"This was definite-

ly our most successful Spike tournament so far," Laky said. "In the past, the weather has had a bad effect on the tournament, but we were very successful this year."

The tournament ended up lasting nearly four hours this year, before a winning team was declared champion. Each member of the team received a T-shirt from the fraternity for the Special Olympics.

Laky said that he was very proud of the outcome, and he applauded all of the participants for their sportsmanship.

"You could see that everyone wanted to help out," Edwards said. "It was a lot of fun, and I think people really enjoyed it and they liked meeting other people."

Aside the Spike charity event, Laky said the fraternity will be having a clothing drive this spring and a Christmas event for the children of the St. Joseph Orphanage.

## Powwow brings culture to campus

BY TREY WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Native American music and the steady pulse of bells and drums surged through every nook and cranny of Bearcat Arena last Saturday, accompanied by the delectable aroma of fried bread, Indian tacos and vendors selling Native American necklaces, bracelets and other trinkets.

Over the weekend, Northwest played host to approximately 30 Native American tribes as members from the Dine Navajo, Crow,

Northern Cheyenne, Lakota and many other tribes got together for their annual Powwow celebration.

Jayne "Bad" Warrior, a full-blood Lakota, expressed the importance of gathering the many different tribes together to celebrate.

"It's a celebration to bring everyone together -- their beliefs," Warrior said. "They honor us by dancing. They honor us by singing and we want to honor the people who come to watch by sharing it with them. It's kind of like a circle, everyone gets a piece."

This is a time for the tribes to reflect, celebrate and share Native American culture and tradition. The Powwow consists of a dance contest, native songs and food. For the dance contests, participants get decked out in full regalia; a fusion of different colors, patterns and textures each with its own tribal and family meaning.

Barbara Crossland, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, serves on the Powwow council that has enabled this event to take place at the University for

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**DANCERS MAKE THEIR way into Bearcat Arena during the Grand Entrance on Saturday. About 30 tribes were present for the powwow.**

# Career Day offers aide

Students network with 63 potential employers

BY DAKOTA JONES  
Missourian Reporter

A student's main goal is to prepare themselves for a career within their field of study. Finding a way to accomplish this outside of studying and going to class can be challenging. This is where Career Day planned to help. "Bringing talent and opportunity together" is the Career Services motto. Career Day did just that.

Career Day, held Tuesday in Bearcat Arena, brought business recruiters to students. With services including law services, insurance

and accounting, agricultural services, fashion and design industries, and retail, students had a wide variety of experts to talk to about potential careers.

"It's a good opportunity to network with a variety of employers and build a foundation for business skills and enhance talent through professional advice," Junior Cameron McClellan said.

For some it was more than advice for career building that they received. Businesses attending were also offering internships for the school year and summer.

"Internships can lead to a hired position. It can be a great jumpstart for students, and a situation like this one is a great set-up to build relationships with employers." Jerriann Gerrett, Premium Star Farms recruiter said.

Alumni and students were welcomed to visit with recruiters, managers and owners of local and national businesses. The goal was to allow students to gather advice and contacts to build portfolios in their area of interest.

"We want to place candidates in roles that fit them and their interests. It's a way for



JENNIFER LEE | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
**AGRICULTURE EDUCATION MAJOR Sarah Dillon listens carefully to employers at Career Day Oct. 12 in Bearcat Arena. Students walked away with more than advice as they networked with some of the businesses present.**

students to talk to potential employers in a familiar situ-

ation in which they can feel comfortable and confident."

Colin Wilmes, director of Career Services said.

# Double acts to conquer single night at fall concert

BY EMILY DEMAREA  
Chief Reporter

Tomorrow night, crunk rap duo, Ying Yang Twins, and 2008 NAACP Image Award Outstanding New Artist Nominee Sean Kingston, will perform at the University.

The show set a new record for selling out tickets the quickest in University history, in only five hours and five minutes. The previous record was set by the Tech N9ne concert in 2008, with tickets selling out in 38 hours. Unlike previous concerts, this one will be unique because of the way it is set up.

"The concert will be a twin-bill, rather than an opener and headliner," Pat Solomon, Students Activities Council concert director, said. "The two acts will be performing for relatively the same amount of time."

Kingston and Ying Yang Twins were chosen to perform in the fall concert based on a student survey that was distributed last year. According to Solomon, the separate genres of music are expected to complement multiple interests.

"It's two different types of music, so it caters to two different audiences. I think it will be great to have that diversity," Solomon said. It will be a great time."

Solomon's responsibilities for the fall concert were to negotiate rates with the agents and book the two acts. Solomon said Kingston was booked in May and the Ying Yang Twins in July.

Solomon said it's good idea to arrive early Friday evening. Some students say they plan to arrive at the Houston Center over an hour before the concert starts.

"My friends and I are planning to be in front of the Houston Center at 6:00," senior Erik Hergins said. "This is going to be a crazy show, and I want to see it up close and personal."

SAC has arranged to entertain the early crowd, who will spend time waiting to get their seats inside the venue.

Prior to either artists taking the stage Friday night, SAC will be hosting a dance-off competition.

"We're going to have five contestants dancing, and let the crowd judge who the best dancer is," Solomon said. A prize will be awarded to the crowd's favorite performer.

After the dance-off concludes, the first act will take the stage. The Ying Yang Twins will begin at 7:30, and perform for about 50 minutes, followed by Kingston for another 50 minutes.

# University minimizes effects of plan changes

BY AUSTIN BUCKNER  
Managing Editor

Northwest employees have 49 days to make changes to their University-supported health insurance plans.

Open enrollment began Oct. 1 and will last until Dec. 1, according to Sara Freemyer, assistant director of Human Resources, this two-month period is important for all University employees.

"Open enrollment happens once a year, and it's basically a renewal of any insurance plan that we have right now," Freemyer said. "We have to renew the contract with the provider, but open enrollment is the only time during the year that an employee can change their plan."

Freemyer said this year's open enrollment is especially important, due to the changes Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City has made to its health insurance plans.

"Our co-pays are going up for the base and buy-up plans," Freemyer said. "We actually have three different health insurance plans, and the co-pays are going up on those. We haven't had changes on our plans in several years, so that is different and new for our employees."

Freemyer said insurance plan rates have also increased, as expected, but the University has made

some attempts to minimize the amount employees will have to pay.

"Rates on the plan usually go up, and we see that every year," Freemyer stated. "We try to minimize that as much as possible, but when you're in a very large group like we are here at the University – there's approximately 800 on the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan. When you have that large of a group, you take on the risk of that group."

Tweaks have been made to the University health insurance plan to keep premiums at four percent, which, according to Freemyer, is much lower than other universities and colleges in the area.

"This year, making a few changes on the co-pay did reduce that premium increase," Freemyer said. "Other colleges and universities in the state of Missouri were looking at anywhere from four, up to 20 percent increases. We feel pretty fortunate that our increase wasn't that high."

This year's changes in co-pay primarily affect the base plan. The co-pay for doctor's office visits, previously \$25, is now \$40. The co-pay for emergency room visits, previously \$50, is now \$150. For the buy-up plan, co-pay for doctor's office visits has been increased from \$20 to \$30.

Making decisions regarding

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office visit co-pay,  
previously \$25

**\$150**  
ER visit co-pay,  
previously \$50

### Buy-Up Plan

**\$30**  
office visit co-pay,  
previously \$20

health insurance plans can be difficult. In order to assist employees in the decision making process, the University will bring insurance providers to campus on Oct. 28 and 29 for educational meetings.

"Those meetings are very important because it's an opportunity for employees to ask those providers questions," Freemyer said. "A lot of people don't know what their insurance plan is until they have to use it, so it's a good opportunity to come and hear specifically what is in each plan."

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State officials look to eradicate meth production

BY TREY WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Missouri officials are hoping that with a new electronic database they will be able to prevent the spread of meth-amphetamine dealers and producers.

Missouri, in recent years, has often been referred to as the “meth capitol of the U.S.” a title that the general assembly and the movers and shakers in Jefferson City hope to eradicate.

According to Scott Holste, a spokesman for Governor Jay Nixon, in 2008 the general assembly passed a law to crack down on “smurfing,” in which people go to different pharmacies in order to purchase enough Pseudoephedrine to produce meth.

The state has recently started a database in order to keep track of individuals buying immense amounts of Pseudoephedrine. As of right now when people go in to buy the pharmaceutical drug, they have to sign in. Holste is hoping that the new electronic database will be more effective.

“The database will keep track of all the pharmacies,” Holste said. “And if someone

tries to buy over the legal limit, then they won’t be able to buy the Pseudoephedrine.”

When a person goes in to purchase Pseudoephedrine, they will be required to provide identification.

Holste said they currently have close to 400 pharmacies signed up and he hopes they can get more pharmacies on board over the next couple of

“I believe the cooperation between law enforcement and pharmacies is an important part.”

Scott Holste

months. The state is currently in the process of signing up pharmacies and putting the ones who are on board through the training process.

None of the cost for the up-keep of the database will come from Missouri taxpayers, instead the pharmacies are covering the expenses.

The plan is that this database will also help law enforcement track down those trying to buy more than the legal limit of Pseudoephedrine.

“I believe the cooperation between law enforcement and pharmacies is an important part,” Holste said. “It’s an important step toward fighting meth producers.”

Every step helps prevent the manufacturing of meth before it becomes a bigger problem.

YOUTH DANCE WORKSHOP



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

JONI WALSTON TEACHES her students how to do a dig in youth dance lessons on Tuesday at the Maryville Community Center. The dance lessons are for ages 3 and up and are provided through Maryville Parks and Recreation.

Farm city banquet continues tradition

BY CASSIE THOMAS  
Chief Reporter

In a community focused greatly on agriculture, it is important that those who go above and beyond are recognized. The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce realized this, and five decades ago they began to host an annual event to do just that.

The 50th Annual Farm City Banquet will be held at 6:30, Nov. 14, in the ballroom at the J.W. Jones Student Union. This event is meant to recognize those who prove themselves outstanding in the agricultural community of Nodaway County.

“This is important for the city of Maryville and for the whole county, because agriculture is the backbone of the community, and of the state and the country,” Randa Doty, county programs

director at the Nodaway County University of Missouri Extension said. “It’s important to recognize and to be aware of what is going on in agriculture and to recognize those who are doing a good job.”

Each year, the chamber selects a speaker, who addresses those in attendance. The speaker for this year’s banquet has not yet been selected.

The banquet is open to the public and tickets can be purchased through the Chamber.

Nominations for this year’s awards are currently being accepted. Anyone wishing to submit a name for nomination should call the Chamber office at (660) 582-8643.


“There are many people out there that the committee may not think about being nominated who may have been impactful in your area of the county,”

AWARD CATEGORIES


- »Outstanding Farm Woman
- »Outstanding Farm Youth
- »Outstanding Farm Family
- »Nodaway County Outstanding Conservation Farmer
- »Outstanding Farm Advocate
- »Agriculture Hall of Fame


Doty said. “So, we would encourage you to step forward and nominate one of your neighbors, or family members or even yourself. It’s a good way to be recognized and thanked for your hard work.”

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OUR VIEW

End silence, end abuse

In Missouri, 36,943 incidents of intimate partner violence were reported in 2009. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, according to a 2010 report by the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. One in four Missouri women totals to 763,416, and that does not count the men who suffer abuse. People are not being heard.

Domestic abuse has many faces. It appears as forced sex, physical and verbal abuse or stalking. But it can also appear harmless, like constantly demanding what your sig-

nificant other is doing or whom they are with. Even demanding access to your partner's Facebook account or text message inbox are telling signs of domestic abuse's beginnings.

That is the frightening truth about domestic abuse: it is quite real and it is quite prevalent. And the worst thing we can do is pretend it will go away.

If you know of abuse, whether a close friend or your neighbors next door, take action and let someone know. Do not hesitate to contact local law enforcement. Recognize Maryville's Children and Fam-

ily Center during their awareness month this October by donating money, volunteering or attending awareness events.

If you force your partner to make you food, spend time with you or have intimate relations with you, call a counselor at the University Wellness Center. Talk to someone before your problem turns into a crime.

If you are being victimized, realize that you are not alone and there are people who are waiting to help you. It can be anonymous. It can be now. It can be the change you need.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

It's a jungle out there

Since industry in the United States has become such a large enterprise, it has been necessary to enforce regulations in order to protect the nation's citizens: the industry's consumers.

Our nation has been in an ever-evolving process of improving our consumer protection laws, from the Food and Drug Act of 1906 to the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004. A large part of the initiation of the Food and Drug Act of 1906 came from Upton Sinclair's novel, "The Jungle," in which he showed U.S. citizens the poor quality of the meat packing industry. Here, it is shown that we have cleared much of our corporations, but it is still a jungle out there and we must continue to clear the way for our safety.



Jacob Taylor  
Contributing Columnist

\$12 million settlement with 39 US states after recalling 18 million lead-tainted toys. These harmful products exist even in our modern decade.

More concerning is the rather abstract danger found in the misplacement of 15,800 "EXIT" signs by Wal-Mart. In a 2009 Toronto Star article, Tyler Hamilton reported this loss and its implications. The signs contained tritium gas, which is a radioactive form of hydrogen. Since 2007, Wal-Mart reported that 15,800 of these signs (20 percent of its inventory) had been unaccounted for from a total of 4,500 facilities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. This means that enough nuclear material is missing to create a dirty nuclear bomb (one more focused on causing contamination and terror) according to Norm Rubin, the director of nuclear research at Energy Probe in Toronto. Since then, Wal-Mart has wisely stopped using nuclear signs.

These accountings illustrate that we must still be wary of our safety in today's consumer world. Every time we buy something, we must be aware of the potential risk. Furthermore, corporations we support may be lax in book keeping with products and supplies, radioactive or not. Be smart and look at the U.S. Consumer Product and Safety Commission website. Take the sharp edge of knowledge and clear a path through this jungle.

CAMPUS TALK

Do you think Safe Ride encourages binge drinking?



"I don't know. Not really; kids are going to drink regardless, So it's a good thing."

**Lauren Catlett**  
Elementary Education



"No, because it just insures their safety."

**Brooke Berryhill**  
Business management/Marketing



"No, I think it takes off the pressure of finding a DD (designated driver) but our frat always has a DD."

**Kyle Dempski**  
Business Management



"No, because if someone is going to do something, they're going to do it regardless. Safe Ride is a healthy option for afterward."

**Mark Harris**  
Psychology/Sociology



"No because the purpose of Safe Ride is to avoid drinking and driving."

**Stevie Phillips**  
Bio Psychology

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Northwest campus, truly smoke free?

Walking into the Northwest campus as a visitor, the first office you usually visit if you made an appointment for a campus tour is the Mabel Cook Admissions office. There, you are greeted by friendly staff and students who are eager to portray a positive image of the University. During the campus tour, visitors are taken around campus by student ambassadors who play a key role in recruiting new students to Northwest.

Among other information, the visitors are told Northwest is now a smoke-free campus. But during the tour, visitors still pass by a few students who puff on their cigarettes, sometimes in front of the Union, in front of the library and other parts of campus. This flagrant disregard of the no-smoking law does not portray a good image of the University in the eyes



Godwin Mordi  
Contributing Columnist

of visitors.

It is quite interesting to read the opinion of students in the "My Northwest" webpage. Some argue in favor of the ban while others are totally against it. Whatever opinion students have about this matter, the most important point is that at this very moment, there is a law that bans smoking on campus or in any of the University properties or vehicles, and that law must be respected.

Students who have grievances can channel their complaint through the appropriate authority. The Health and

Wellness Center is a good place to start. The University has policies in place to address the grievances of students who smoke. Students who smoke should not feel marginalized by the authorities in whatever way. I am sure some of the staff who voted for the smoke-free motion to pass are themselves smokers. I believe they put the overall interest of the Northwest community at heart when they made this law.

Some students signed a petition to have certain areas on campus designated as "smoking areas". Whether the University accedes to this request is another matter entirely, but before a decision is made, let us all help make Northwest a truly smoke-free campus. The University listens to contrary opinions and I am sure this matter will be no different.

WHAT THE DEUCE

Let's make this a clean fight, gentlemen



MCT CAMPUS

According to PBS media analysts, \$3.7 billion will be spent on advertising alone for the upcoming midterm elections. As alarming as that may be, imagine a portion of that monetary influence coming from foreign-based corporations.

That is exactly what Kristen Hedges (pictured here) and other MoveOn.org activists protested outside of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce last Thursday. Accusations came after the Chamber's plans to pledge \$75 million were announced. The Washington Post reported that \$10.5 million was already given to support 31 House and Senate races last week, all of which went to Republicans.

While the Chamber should be encouraged to support whomever they choose, their reputation stands at risk of tarnish if indeed their patrons are shady.

"Just this week, we learned that one of the largest groups paying for these ads regularly takes in money from foreign corporations," Obama said at a rally at Bowie State University.

The Chamber has vehemently denied the accusations. The truth will be seen shortly, after deep investigation by the Federal Election Commission, the Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service. With any luck, the Chamber will be found guilty. Proponents of campaign reform could use this victory to mandate full transparency for future elections and end the corruption.

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# ABUSE: Providing hope to those who need it most

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years to Sam, her college sweetheart. Things were great right after they got married. Her family adored him, he was a business major just like her and he called her every day to tell her he missed her.

One night after class, Rachel came home to find broken glass and remnants of a spaghetti dinner thrown on the floor. Sam was livid because she was not home in time to cook him dinner.

Things escalated over the years. Rachel was beaten so badly she had to be rushed to the emergency room multiple times. The first time it was a cracked rib. Next, a broken arm. Seven stitches and a concussion followed. Despite all of the abuse, Rachel is still with Sam. She now lives seven hours away from any family or friends and is a stay at home wife.

These are real life scenarios from clients that visit Children and Family Center in Maryville everyday.

One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime according to the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri, which serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, served 751 clients in 2009, a 51 percent increase from 2008. They also received 826 crisis hotline calls last year totaling well over two a day.

The facility offers a 24 hour shelter for victims of domestic violence, as well as a 24 hour hotline, court advocacy, and support groups.

Muriel Zimmerman is the executive director. She says domestic violence is a painful process, especially in a small community.

“We need to get over the thought that this is a gated community,” Zimmerman said, “Domestic violence happens everywhere and to all kinds of people. We work with clients who are illiterate and we work with clients who have Ph.D’s. When you live in a rural community, domestic violence looks different. Everybody knows you,” Zimmerman said

Megham Kosman, a volunteer for the shelter, knows that leaving an abuser is not just as easy as some would like to think.

“When you go to leave an abuser you have to think about money,” Kosman said. “What am I going to do to support myself? If I have kids is it ok to uproot them? Will this person follow me? Am I willing to relocate to a different area? Am I willing to start over?” she said.

To help the clients accomplish this, the shelter helps them create a plan of action. This consists of a list of short and long term goals and steps the clients can take to make them happen.

Both Kosman and Zimmerman stress the importance of feeling safe.

“Every person needs to have a safe, nurturing environment to surround themselves in, to know when they put their heads on their pillow at night they will have someone to listen to them and not judge right from wrong. All individuals in all places deserve that and that is what we are trying to provide,” Zimmerman said.

To learn more about domestic violence awareness month, the Children and Family Center in Maryville, and how to volunteer visit [www.nwmissourinews.com](http://www.nwmissourinews.com). If you are in need of the services of the Children and Family Center call the 24 hour toll free crisis hotline at

# POWWOW: Event gets positive feedback

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the past seven years. Crossland feels that sharing this event with the University as well as people in the community is one of the most important aspects of the Pow Wow.

“A lot of people are not familiar with the culture,” Crossland said. “Your neighbors are Native American, and they were here before everyone else. It’s important they understand the roots of the land they live on.”

Crossland said that

this is a well-attended event and a lot of the same people come back every year. Some people even journey across state lines to join in the festivities.

Kathy Bradley of the Four Squalls Grill on the Kickapoo Reservation in Horton, Kan. said that

this was her first time attending Northwest’s Pow Wow, but she had a good experience.

“I enjoyed seeing young people appreciate Native American culture,” Bradley said. “And I appreciated the University embracing diversity.”

# PAGEANT: Bestowing beauty, confidence

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themselves and their body type. The most unique section of the competition is the talent portion. Each of the girls has a practiced a routine to perform. Each of the talents are very different, ranging from singing and dancing to a song

played on the viola and a how-to on baking a cake. The last section is the most challenging and the most important. During the formal walk, each of the contestants is asked one of 16 scholarship questions.

“After all of this, I feel confident in my own skin. Confidence is key, just to let

people know who you are, courage to let people see who I am,” Crista Johnson, Junior contestant said.

The girl’s have practices Sunday through Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. After months of hard work the wait is finally over on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 7p.m in the Tower View Room in

the Student Union. Those wanting to attend can purchase a ticket from one of the contestants, Kiva Coppage, Breana Freeman, Victoria Watts, Ivana Taylor, Keyaina Richest, Johnisha Robertson, Crista Johnson, or Brooke Mathia for \$5 or at the door for \$7.

## POLICE BLOTTER

10/12 Forgery, ongoing investigation, 500 block North Walnut

10/11 Kimberly A. Hanna, 20, Maryville, MO., Larceny, 1600 block South Main

Brandi M. Rios, 33, Maryville, MO., Larceny, 1600 block South Main

10/10 Sedrick D. Johnson, 18, Council Bluffs, IA., False I.D., 1500 block North College Drive

Larceny, ongoing investigation, 700 block Prather Avenue

Lost/stolen property, 1000 block North Buchanan

10/09 Cory Ramsey, 22, Maryville, MO., disorderly conduct, 500 block East 3rd

Street

Larceny, ongoing investigation, 900 block East 5th Street.

Abandoned Motor Vehicle, ongoing investigation, 600 Block North Market

10/07 Disorderly Conduct, David B. Schmidt, 22, Maryville, MO., 200 Block North Buchanan

Under 19 in a bar, displaying another’s I.D., Keirra R. Hughes, 18, St. Louis, MO., 300 Block North Market

10/05 Sale of Alcohol to a minor, Summer L. Snow-McDaniels, 22, Maryville, MO., 600 Block North Main

Fraud, Ongoing investigation, 500 Block East 3rd

Street

10/03 Minor in possession, Jacob T. Henry, 20, Lee’s Summit, MO., 400 Block North Buchanan

Driving while revoked, Jennifer A. Ivy, 25, Coffey, MO., 1000 Block East 7th Street

Minor in possession, Tess M. Edwards, 19, Springfield, IL., 400 Block North Buchanan

10/02 Minor in possession, Kayla D. Moser, 20, Kansas City, MO., 400 Block West 16th Street

Minor in possession, Robert C. Bachtrab II, 19, St. Joseph, MO., 400 North Block Buchanan

Leaving the scene of an

accident, Driving without a valid driver’s licence, Lynne E. Chandler, 21, Maryville, MO., 1100 Block South Main

Minor in possession, Molly E. Hayde, 20, Maryville, MO., 400 Block West 16th Street

10/01 Minor in possession, Madeline J. Forney, 17, Maryville, MO., Kasey L. Colwell, 17, Kansas City, MO., 1500 Block South Munn


Minor in possession, Alec J. Groff, 19, Maryville, MO., 200 Block South Buchanan

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# A NIGHT IN THE LIFE OF SAFE RIDE



## Tonight is going to be a good night

BY LESLIE NELSON  
Missourian Reporter

On a Saturday night, five students are gathered around a phone, waiting for it to ring. When it finally does, one student answers it and jots down the address of the person on the other line. The other four students pair up and jump into two vans. The vans are old and in need of a good cleaning. A wall of plastic, cracked from one too many angered football players, as witnessed by a driver one night, separates the driver's seat from the back seat. The two pairs of students then spend the rest of the night cruising Maryville, picking up students and driving them home. This is the Saturday night of Safe Ride Home employees.

Safe Ride Home is the Northwest Missouri State University program designated to give rides to students who are unable to drive themselves or do not feel comfortable walking home. The vans run on Friday and Saturday night from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m.

Once the students in need of a ride are located, they surrender their Bearcat card or a driver's license to the Safe Ride employee in the passenger seat. He or she writes down the names of the students and the number of Northwest students and visitors.

"We write down your name in case we get in a crash. Then, we can tell the cops your name," Safe Ride employee Kayla Koester explained to four concerned underage girls one night.

The crew's job is to provide students a safe ride home, not to hand out MIPs. Identification is required in case of emergencies only.

The students are then given a safe ride home.

Although the program will pick students up from nearly any location in Maryville, it is not a taxi service.

"We will not take you to McDonald's," Koester stressed.

Although many students request to be taken to McDonald's and other restaurants, the program will only take them home.

One student refused to get into the van until someone agreed to take him to McDonald's. His friends, already piled in the backseat, had to convince him that they would take him when they arrived home. Unfortunately, he was angry when the van stopped in front of his house and he realized he would not be getting his 50 McNuggets for \$10 that night. The drivers were forced to threaten calling the police to convince him to finally exit the van.

Many students do not believe that Safe Ride is used by students regularly. That is not the case.

"On a regular night, it's close to 50 (students)," Christian Falcone, Safe Ride employee, said.

The drivers encounter a busy period when the bars close, around 1 a.m. They often are backed up and have a long list of students to pick up at that time.

Koester, Falcone, and fellow employee Nicole Collins all admitted that the intoxicated students are among the funniest passengers.

Most of the intoxicated students are very excited to ride in the Safe Ride van.

"We pick up kids and they're just so thankful we're there," Collins said.

The crew has witnessed some hilarious things while driving the Safe Ride vans. Koester was even once proposed to by an intoxicated male one night.

A male student was so intoxicated one night that he face planted outside the van. A female student passed out in the backseat and had to be carried to her front door.

Although most students are not drunk enough to regurgitate inside the van, the drivers do bring along bags, just in case.

At the end of the night, the exhausted drivers fill the tank and write down the statistics from the night. They figure out the ratio between students and non-students and the ratio between boys and girls. They do this for record-keeping purposes.

Only after all of this is done, usually a little past 4 a.m., are the employees finally allowed to return to their own homes.



DARRELL LONG | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

KAYLA KOESTER WRITES down the names of the Safe Ride passengers in the van Saturday morning around 2 a.m.

## “QUOTES FROM THE BACKSEAT,”

“DUI’s are for losers”

“Safe Ride always come through, cuz!”

“Buckle up or eat glass.”

“It’s been real, it’s been good, but it ain’t been real good.”

“It’s going to [be good] becuase we’re getting home safe with Safe Ride!”

# What's HOT

**Star Wars**

Lucas films announced all six Star Wars movies will return to theaters in 3D.

**Angus T. Jones**

This Two and a Half Men star agreed to a pay cut just to spend time working with Miley Cyrus.

**Fall Career Day at Northwest**

Students met with employers Tuesday to discuss internships and full-time employment opportunities.

**Chilean miners rescue**

In a stunning engineering effort, miners trapped hundreds of feet underground were finally rescued after their 70-day imprisonment.

# What's NOT

**The weather**

Maryville residents can look forward to a drop in temperature over the next week.

**Michael Lohan**

This celebrity father is denying all allegations that he led his daughter Lindsay down a path of self destruction.

**Jersey Girls**

It is rumored that Snooki and J-WOWW are starting a spin-off show together, which would only add more idiocy to American television.

**SAC Free Movie Night**

SAC's double movie night with Social Network and Easy A sold out in a matter of minutes last Thursday, leaving many students disappointed and empty handed.

# Simply Siam serves a simply delicious cuisine

**BY KERI PETERSON**  
Missourian Reporter

Simply Siam, the new local Thai restaurant, dishes up delectable ethnic food in a very authentic way. Owners Craig and Nok Schuler decided to open this new eatery after they returned from Thailand 11 months ago. Thailand is known for its compassionate and laid back atmosphere, and the Schulers have created just that at Simply Siam.

The ambiance of the place allows guests to come and experience Thailand culture. All around are ethnic artifacts, from a cupboard full of gold rice pots to decorative wall hangings. There is even a small fountain with floating flower petals that

adds more beauty to the already appealing environment.

As people sit and enjoy their tasty Thai food, they get the pleasure of listening to some fine ethnic music. The songs are very soothing and they make guests feel comfortable and blissful that they are trying something different at the same time.

The menu may seem a little confusing to some, but the exceptionally accommodating wait staff is happy to help explain meal options to customers. Of course the food items are ethnic, but they have Thai drinks as well. For diners out there who have a sweet tooth, their Thai iced tea is delightful. Thai tea is orange and sweet, and they add frozen boba, or tapioca, to the drink.

The hot and sour shrimp soup at Simply Siam is great. It includes shrimp, tomatoes, onions and cilantro, and has a delicious and unique flavored broth. It is a top pick among guests who do not mind getting heated up while eating. And there are no worries for people that do not dig the spicy stuff, because not all of their food is spicy.

With a convenient location at 811 S. Main St., a courteous wait staff, a pleasant atmosphere and a mouth-watering cuisine, Simply Siam is an excellent choice for dinner any night. Customers get the chance to explore another culture without ever leaving their own town. For people that enjoy good ethnic food, Simply Siam is the place to be.

Location - 811 S. Main St

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4/5 Paws

# Top 4 under-the-radar indie bands

**BY BEN LAWSON**  
Missourian Reporter

Since its creation, mainstream media has ignored indie music, even though indie bands are responsible for some of the best and original music out right now. So here is a list of some of the best indie bands you may not have heard.

**TV ON THE RADIO**

TV on the Radio does not stop to pick a style of music. They'll mix punk and classic rock sounds with soul, jazz and funk beats without a second thought. TV on the Radio's mixture of radically different genres of music gives them a terrific and completely original sound.

TV on the Radio's first album, OK Calculator, impressed critics back in 2002, and they have managed to keep impressing critics and fans all the way through their career. Their most recent release in 2008, Dear Science, TV on the Radio lays on the heavy funk beats with an alternative rock sound mixed in and the result is sheer brilliance. Key tracks : "Wolf like Me," "Golden Age" and "Halfway Home."

**RADICAL FACE**

Radical Face is 24-year-old Florida resident Ben Cooper's solo project. Radical Face is the definition of chill acoustic indie rock. Each song has a calming effect and a heavy emotional feel.

Ghost, Radical Face's debut and only album, is a concept album with the idea that houses re-

tains the stories of what has happened inside of them. Every one of the album's eleven songs tells a different story through its unique power and sentiment to it. Key tracks are "Welcome Home, Son," "Wrapped in Piano Strings" and "Let the River in."

**LOCAL NATIVES**

Local Natives are your typical five white skinny guy's indie band but they have the musical power to shine above the rest. Local Natives have been described as modern worldly folk and psych-folk. They use well-constructed harmonies, with powerful but subtle drumbeats and flowery lead guitar parts to create one of the most recognizable sounds out today. Key tracks are "Sun Hands," "Airplanes" and "Shape Shifter."

**MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA**

Manchester Orchestra is your perfect straight up indie-alternative rock band. The band has clearly received some influence from nineties college rock with their heavily distorted guitar-oriented songs. Most of the band's songs are about getting out of your current life. The group is highly influenced by lead singer and songwriter, Andrew Hulls', feelings of alienation he experienced while attending a "small-town Georgia Christian high school." The band's music is full of frustration and angst, but still retains a great poetic writing style. Key tracks are "Wolves at Night," "I Heard the Neighborhood Is Bleeding" and "Shake It Out."

# STROLLER: Your Man waits for Dieterich's praise and recognition

I'm a patient guy. When the Gaunt House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, I thought, "Dieterich's day will soon come." After all, its pleasantly sharp smell of must was only beginning to spread from a dank corner of the basement – it would be years before it made the journey up each flight of stairs into every dorm room, making the universal odor one of Dieterich's landmark qualities. But now that the old guy has had an additional 30 years to ferment into what he is today, which building is added to the registry? The stinkin' Administration Building.

Alumnus Jason Williamson spent six painstaking years researching the Administration Building, and it gets picked up by the National Register like Hot Pocket samples at Hy-Vee. Every time I access the Northwest homepage, Williamson's

smug, taunting grin reminds me that, once again, Dieterich's come-uppance will have to wait.

What's the big deal about Williamsons' research anyway? Instead of spending six difficult years compiling information from books in the library about the Administration Building, he could have spent six even more difficult years trying to find a book in the library about Dieterich (I looked, there aren't any).

Someday the world will see the Dirty D – sorry, "Big D" – the way I fondly do: As the lesser of two grandfathers. It's old and smelly, has history you don't care about but probably should, drools, leaks and dresses in harmless neutral tones. Williamson, if you're ever up for a real challenge, call me.

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Thursday, Nov. 11th

Savannah snaps series skid

BY TONY BOTTIS  
Sports Editor

It did not take long for the Savannah student section to reach the field to mob the team that just snapped a 17-game losing streak to Maryville.

Nearly a week removed from a 41-7 home field beat down, the Spoofhounds now face a larger task: districts.

At the beginning of each season, head coach Chris Holt and the 'Hounds set season goals: win conference, win districts, win seven games, have a team GPA of 3.0 and be physically stronger than every team they face. According to Holt, the game against the Savages prevented the team from achieving their team strength goal and possibly jeopardized the team's chances of winning conference.

"That's been the goals

we've had since I have been here," Holt said. "Most of the time we've reached those goals. Last Friday was the first time in a long time I can say that the team we played was physically stronger than we were. We got to put an emphasis on that we're doing everything we need to be doing in the weight room to make sure that doesn't happen again."

Conference has been taken out of the 'Hounds' hands, as the team is now relying on the remainder of conference play in hopes of someone knocking off Savannah, according to Holt.

A less-than-impressive Chillicothe record is not stopping Holt and the 'Hounds from taking a traditionally fierce rivalry seriously.

"Having Chili to start your districts is definitely going to

give you a good measuring stick on where you're at," Holt said. "Traditionally, this game is always a close football game, regardless of record. I know they're 3-4, but we're planning on having a dog fight, because that's just the way the games turn out to be."

With Chillicothe the first of three district games, Holt is aware of the things that cannot be repeated from last week's loss.

"We got to do a better job upfront on offense," Holt said. "That's the first game this year, besides probably week one, where we didn't have full control of the line of scrimmage. It makes it hard to win football games when you're not controlling on the line of scrimmage."

He also said the team's pass defense must bounce back this week from their



TONY BOTTIS | SPORTS EDITOR

**JUNIOR FULLBACK ADAM Andersen fights to run through a Savannah arm-tackle. Andersen and the Spoofhounds went on to lose 41-7 to the Savages.**

performances in the last few weeks.

"We challenged our seniors. To be successful in this game your seniors have to

be the guys that step up and make big plays and rise to the occasion," Holt said. "Our seniors did not rise to the occasion last Friday. It's time to do

that if we're going to be a good playoff team."

Holt and the 'Hounds hit the road for a 7 p.m. kick off Friday at Chillicothe.

GIRLS SOFTBALL



SETH COOK | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

**SENIOR SHORTSTOP TAYLOR Gadbois makes contact with the ball in a loss to Jefferson Monday Sept. 20. Check out Nwmissourinews.com for further coverage on the 'Hounds' softball season.**

McClellan, 3 other golfers prep for trip to State

BY BRYCE MERENESS  
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofhound girls golf team is state bound, again.

The 'Hounds return four golfers to the State Tournament taking place in Springfield, Mo. on Monday and Tuesday. Head coach Brenda Ricks says the key to success is keeping the girls relaxed.

"I want to go in with no expectations. It's a repeat, this is the third time (going as a team)," Ricks said. "I look for them to do well, but I don't want to put pressure on them. I just want them to go down and have fun, this is icing on the cake. They have played so well this season, and to be sectional champs that was huge."

Senior Shannon McClellan makes her fourth trip to state, and hopes to rely on ex-

perience in the State Tournament to place well.

"I've went all four years, and you just have to understand that there is pressure and everything and you just have to play like there is no pressure," McClellan said. "You're nervous whenever you first tee off, but after that it's just like playing any other sport."

McClellan shot an 83 to take second place in last Wednesday's sectional. Sophomore Megan Shell finished in third place, five strokes behind McClellan. Junior Brooke Blyland and senior Amy Van de Ven finished tied for 10th shooting 95.

Sophomore Taylor Maughan makes her first trip to state, shooting a 104, and the returning girls had some advice.

"They told me to just stay focused and if you have a bad hole just shake it off," Maughan said. "You can't worry about what

people are shooting around you."

The 'Hounds will use this weekend for some last minute practice.

"We're going to go down on Saturday and Payne Stewart has a par-3 course that we can play under the lights, it's really cool," Ricks said. "Then Sunday is our practice round and then Monday we have early tee times because we won. We get decent tee times Monday, its good to go off early."

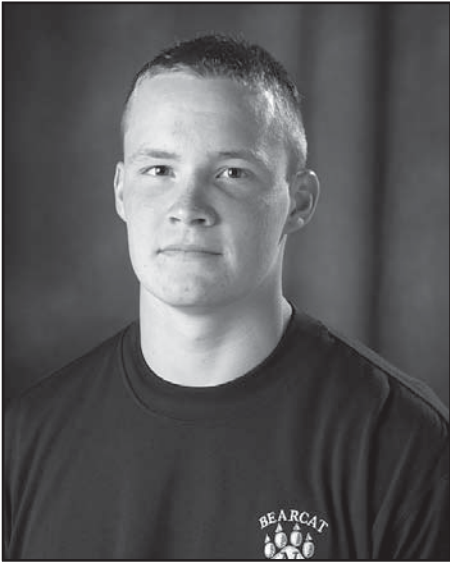
Although golf is an individual game, it is good to know you can count on your teammates.

"It's really good to have all of us able to shoot good scores and if one of us has a bad day the first day we know that we'll probably pick each other up," McClellan said. "It's comforting to know we can all go out there play the best of our ability and back each other up."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Jake Soy



Junior wide receiver Jake Soy caught 8 passes for a career high 161 yards. He also scored two touchdowns in the 49-21 win over Missouri Southern.

Emilee Davison



Freshman Emilee Davison's second goal of the season helped the soccer team tie Truman. The draw was the first in the series' history, spanning 21 games now.

Gavin Talmadge



Senior running back Gavin Talmadge rushed for 68 yards and compiled 134 all-purpose yards Friday against Savannah in the Spoofhounds 41-7 loss.

Taylor Gadbois



Senior Taylor Gadbois went 2-3 in the District Championship game against Chillicothe. She also stole three bases and scored the team's only run in the loss.

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WOMEN’S GOLF

SENIOR ERIN LUCHTEL chips her way towards the pin at the Bearcat Fall Golf Classic at Mozingo Golf Course on Friday. Luchtel helped her team place 3 out of 7 teams.



LORI FRANKEN-FIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

Conference tests ahead

BY JASON LAWRENCE  
Missourian Reporter

After pushing a Top 10 opponent to five sets, the Bearcat volleyball team head into a busy week with three games in four days.

Northwest dropped the first two sets (25-23, 25-14) to No. 8 Central Missouri on Friday. The 'Cats rallied to take the next two sets (25-23, 25-22), before losing 15-9 in the final set.

"I thought we showed great competitiveness, great determination and heart," head coach Jessica Rinehart said. "Coming out after losing the first two games, we just kept fighting all night. I was really pleased with that."

It marked the first time all season the Jennies had been pushed to five games.

"Hopefully it shows us how good we can be," Rinehart said. "That we can compete with the best in the country and if we continue to keep plugging and get better every day that we're going to continue to win big matches."

Senior middle hitter Sara Falcone led the Bearcats with 14 kills. Sophomore setter Laura Akin picked up 46 assists and senior libero Paige Spangenberg led the Northwest defense with 28 digs.

The 'Cats played Missouri Western (4-4 MIAA) last night in St. Joseph. Results were unavailable as of press time.

Another Top 10 opponent is lurking as Northwest takes on Truman State (6-2 MIAA) at 7 p.m. Friday in Kirksville, Mo.

"Truman is going to be tough. It's at their place. They're going to be fired up," Rinehart said. "But Truman has moments of being inconsistent. So we're just going to go down there and fight tooth and nail and see where we end up."

The 'Cats play Missouri Southern at 5 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

"Being at home on Saturday is a great thing," Rinehart said. "We're going to be tired, but we've got to push through that. If we get a good crowd and the girls get excited and up for the game, we'll have to push through the tiredness, take care of business and rest on Sunday."



SETH COOK | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
SENIOR MIDDLE HITTER Sara Falcone records a kill in Friday's 2-3 set loss to Central Missouri. Falcone led all 'Cats with 14 kills. The loss broke the 'Cats three-match winning streak.

HORN: Captain hopes to give back to his sport

NFL, but it's hard to get away from, especially when you're playing football. You're always going to have that name tied to you. The biggest thing to get away from is Willie Horn, Joe Horn's little brother. But, I've been trying to make my own name apart from that. It's something that I would never say that I regret having at all."

The man that may have single handedly influenced Horn to pursue the path his former football coach and mentor took, making

a lasting impression on a young man's life, was Oder.

"He really took me under his wing when I came there my sophomore year, and even since then I still talk to him to this day," Horn said. "I think one thing that coaches, whether they know it or not, is that they still are a father figure to the kids that they are coaching for, because the majority of the time spent, whether it be high school football or college football or college sports, you're around the team the majority of

the time that you're in school. So, I think it's huge that you play that role for that player or vice versa."

With the aide of his brothers and having spent five years in a program that turns athletes into public figures, Horn admits he has experienced a progression in maturity.

Following a regrettable decision last season, Horn was sidelined for two games, reduced to watching the game in street clothes.

"Coming off the Southwest

Baptist win, I got a DWI and was suspended from the team for two weeks," Horn said. "I missed probably two of the biggest games of the season, being the Pittsburg State and Nebraska-Omaha games. In those two weeks, it really hit me hard."

For Horn, the toughest part was not being able to contribute on the field and feeling the separation from the team. However, he still assumed the role of mentoring younger linebackers, like Chad Kilgore, during his absence

from the gridiron.

"Everybody makes mistakes," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Unfortunately, he had to learn from his mistake. To his credit, he has learned well and he has overcome it completely. To me, all you have to do is look at he was voted as one of our captains, so that means his teammates think a lot of him and what he's doing and respect what he's doing. That's just something that I think, he's a much better person because of it."

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**WHEN THE 'CATS PASS:**  
The Hornets have already surrendered a big passing game to the UCM signal caller, Bolles and Co. will rack up the yards.  
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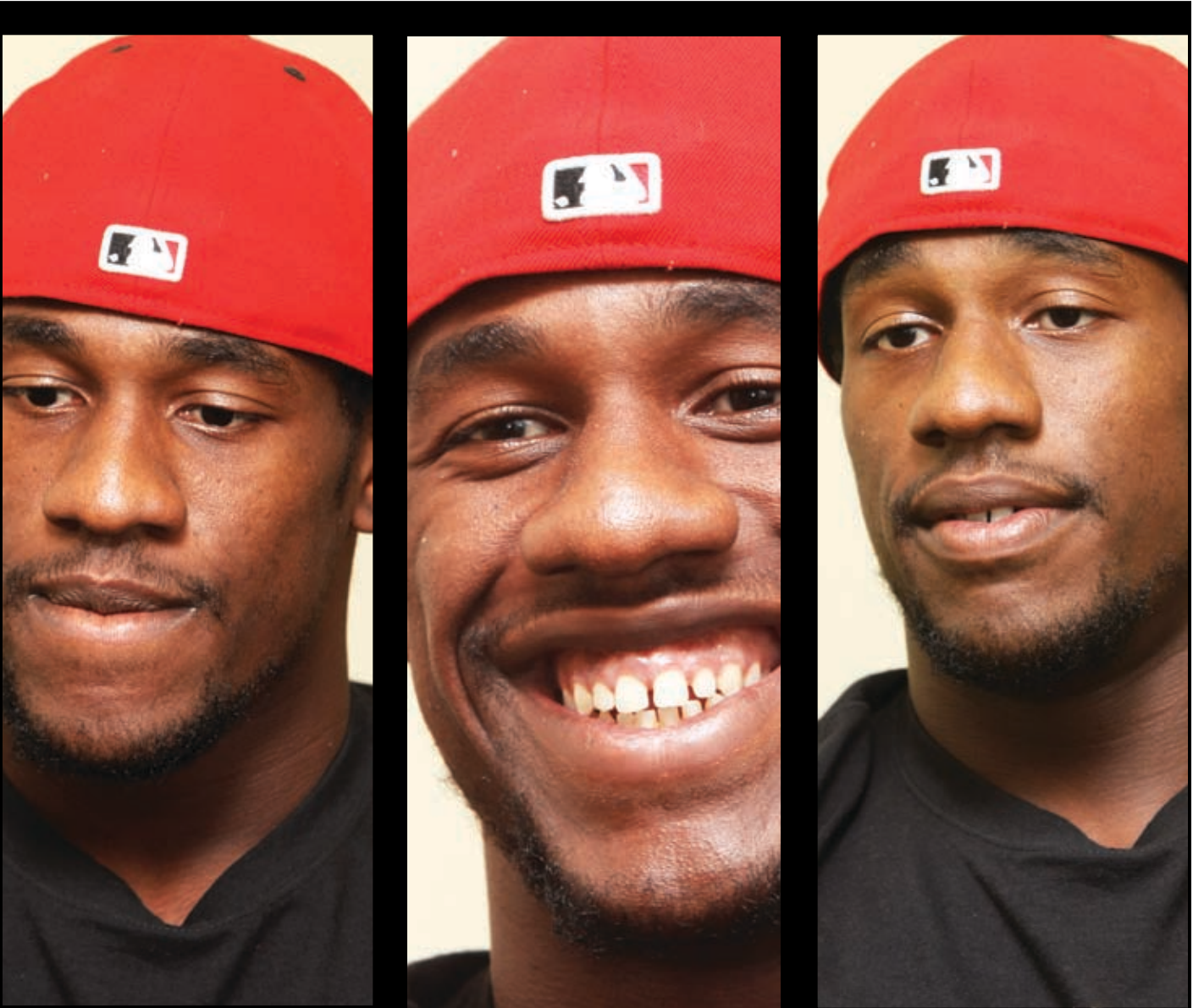
"They have a pretty solid offensive line. They work hard, that's one thing we've noticed. We know they're not going to be intimidated by us."  
-- Lorenson

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The Hornets rank in the bottom half of just about every special team's statistic in the MIAA. The 'Cats however, rarely struggle with racking up return yardage or finding the big play.  
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Mel Tjeerdsma  
Head Coach

"On defense they make very few mistakes. They create a lot of turnovers, right now, I think they're a +8 in turnovers. They probably have created turnovers more than anyone in our league."  
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BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

Who would have thought a senior captain and starting linebacker for a Division II national football powerhouse could not even crack the freshman A-team roster in high school.

The story from freshman B-teamer to the emotional anchor of one of the nation's top defensive units is a high school coach's dream. For Willie Horn and his high school football coach Greg Oder of Blue Springs South, it is a reality.

"He's a great leader, one of the best ones we've ever had here," Oder said. "It was the same thing for our basketball team, he didn't even start. It just shows what kind of kid he is; he went out for basketball, knew he wasn't going to start, knew he wasn't going to play very much, he just loved being apart of something and competing."

Beyond the challenges set before him on

the football field, his life was certainly not without obstacles or adversity, specifically the absence of a parent.

"I'd say when I got into high school it kind of hit me hard not having a father," Horn said. "But, I've always had older brothers to look up to. My oldest brother has always been a father figure to me, so it didn't really hurt that bad not having a father figure because I have so many older brothers."

By many, Horn means five older brothers ages ranging from 29 to 43, who accepted the role of his father figures and helped shape and lead the senior along the right path.

While Horn admits his brother Scorpio, 29, is his biggest football role model due to their closeness in age, it is his brother Joe, 39, who drew the attention of Willie's fans and teammates during his playing days with the New Orleans Saints and Kansas City Chiefs.

"I never shied away from it, I always embraced it," Horn said about Joe's success. "I loved the fact that my brother played in the

See HORN on A9



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SENIOR SAFETY ALDWIN Foster-Rettig stretches to drag down a Missouri Southern running back early in the Bearcats 49-21 road win. The win tied the MIAA consecutive conference win total at 41.

MIAA winning streak at stake

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

Another week presents another test in the MIAA as Emporia State comes to town this weekend.

The Hornets (5-2, 4-2 MIAA) come to town following a last ditch effort against Pittsburg State in Emporia last weekend.

Northwest (4-1, 4-0) continues to slash through the MIAA, knocking off Missouri Southern Saturday, 49-21. With the win, the Bearcats tied their own MIAA record of 41 consecutive conference victories. The opportunity to break the record set by the program from 1997-01 presents itself in this weekend's home contest.

"I think it's pretty significant, there's no doubt about that, and we have talked about it this week," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "The one thing we can do this week is we can do something nobody else has ever done. Right now we haven't yet, we've tied it."

The streak has a significant meaning to the senior class, including those who have not been in the program for every single one of those victories.

"I think it's important for me especially coming here last year as a transfer, and being a part of this tradition was real good for me," senior defensive end Roberto Davis said. "For me to be a part of something else that's bigger than the team is just great. To tie the record of 41

and being able to beat it this week will be a great thing for us."

Attempting to halt the streak will be the MIAA's No. 3 total defense, but one of the cellar dwellers offensively, ranking ninth overall.

"We're going to have to run, we're going to have to make things happen, break tackles, pick up blitzes because they blitz a lot," senior running back Kelvin Austin said. "Blitz pick up will be important for the pass game."

Also, senior wide receiver Jake Soy enters the game four touchdown catches away from tying the program record held by Jamaica Rector (2001-04).

The 'Cats and Hornets are set to kick-off at 1 p.m. Saturday.